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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4794

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: ABOLITION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

REF: A) STATE 069509; B) GABORONE 0582 (NOTAL)

C) MBABANE 0744

1. THERE NO RPT NO PRESENT THREATS TO SAFETY AMCITS
SWAZILAND. DEPT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL (A) BEING
IMPLEMENTED. PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR SENT WELL- REASONED
CAUTIONING MEMORANDUM TO ALL VOLUNTEERS APRIL 13. AID
AND EMBASSY STAFFS HAVE BEEN CAUTIONED TO REFRAIN FROM
EXPRESSING JUDGMENTS ABOUT EVOLVING SITUATION.
CONTRACTORS BEING BRIEFED TO ALLAY CONCERNS.

2. WILL INFORM S. S. NXUMALO APRIL 16, MINING SEMINARO
CANCELLED.

3. UNANIMITY OF PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION APRIL 12
TOOK PLACE WITH ONE NNLC DEPUTY IN ATTENDANCE. HE DID
NOT CAST A " NAY" VOTE WHEN RESOLUTION CAME TO
(VOICE) VOTE AND RESOLUTION THEREFORE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
THERE WERE NO " NAYS". NNCL HEAD ZWANE
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" PRECINCTS PARLIAMENT," BUT DID NOT SIT.
NGWENYA HAD BEEN WARNED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER THAT IF
HE APPEARED HE WOULD BE DETAINED FOR HIS OWN SAFETY.

4. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VERY SURPRISED BY EVENTS
APRIL 12. HE ATTENDED PARLIAMENT IN BELIEF BUDGET WAS
TO BE INTRODUCED. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET WAS INDEED
INTRODUCED AND TABLED IN FIRST THIRTY SECONDS OF
SESSION. HIGH COMMISSIONER NOT AVAILABLE THIS MORNING
BUT WILL REACH HIM DURING WEEKEND.

5. ONLY PRESS INQUIRY THUS FAR EXCEPT FOR CLOSE
CONSULTATION WITH EDITOR TIMES OF SWAZILAND HAS BEEN
PHONE CALL FROM JOHANNESBURG APRIL 13. CALLER IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS HUNTER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. IN VIEW
CIRCUMSTANCES CHARGE NOT COMPLETELY FORTHCOMING.

6. WILL RESPOND SUBSEQUENTLY TO OTHER PORTIONS REFTELS.
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